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## Early Bird Tickets now on Sale for Holiday Historic Home Tour

by Mary Hanel

The always-delightful annual Historic Home Tour is scheduled for Friday, December 1st and Saturday, December 2nd. Three private homes and the Madison Street Inn will be on this year's tour featuring various Victorian and other historical architectural styles.

The public buildings on the tour will be the Headen-Inman House, a 1913 craftsman-style house museum and the Jamison- Brown House, with its historic porch and beautiful woodwork inside.



Photos by Charlie Tucker

**Early Bird Tickets** for the Home Tour go on sale in October with a discounted price of \$20 if purchased by Oct. 31 (a real bargain!). Beginning November 1, ticket prices will be \$30 general admission, \$25 Seniors (60+) or Children and Youth (6-21). No youth under the age of 6 will be admitted. If still available the days of the tour, all tickets will be \$35 at Jamison-Brown House. Order tickets for the annual Santa Clara Historic Home Tour at the web site: [sc-hometour.com](http://sc-hometour.com), or mail ticket requests to: Historic Home Tour 2017, c/o Harris Lass House Museum, P.O. Box 3311, Santa Clara, CA 95055-3311. (Mail order flyers will also be distributed to the city libraries and other locations in October.) Mail-In purchases must be postmarked by Monday, November 27 to allow time for return mail.

The Santa Clara Players and the Triton Museum of Art will also be involved with the event. A bonus venue will be Santa Clara University's Ricard Observatory constructed in 1928 and rarely open for public access.

The nonprofit Santa Clara Women's League will serve complimentary refreshments and hold an opportunity drawing at the Jamison-Brown House during the tour as a fundraiser for their organization.



Tickets may also be purchased at City Lights Espresso, 1171 Homestead Road, Santa Clara (at Jackson Street across from the Post Office) and at Antiques Colony, 1881 W. San Carlos St., San Jose or for cash only at the Triton Museum of Art, 1505 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara.

The HPSSC and the Old Quad Residents' Association co-sponsor the Tour. Proceeds benefit the Harris Lass Museum, historic preservation projects in the City, and nonprofit groups in Santa Clara. For more information, view the Home Tour web site at: [sc-hometour.com](http://sc-hometour.com) or call the Harris Lass Museum message line at 1-408-249-7905.

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The Harris-Lass Museum is located at 1889 Market Street in Santa Clara.



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**Museum House Tours are open to the public in October and November by appointment Call (408) 249-7905 Closed in December**



**Jamison-Brown House**, 1505 Warburton Ave., [behind the Triton Art Museum] is the tour site for restrooms, refreshments, and opportunity drawing baskets. The house was built in 1905 by Samuel Jamison and remodeled in 1914 by Alfred Brown.

**Headen-Inman House** Museum, 1509 Warburton Ave., [behind the Triton Art Museum] houses the city’s historical artifacts collections. The former home is a two-story 1913 house built in Craftsman style architecture.



*Photo by Mary Hanel*

**The Ricard Memorial Observatory** is on the Santa Clara University campus at 500 El Camino Real. It was built in 1928 and is a domed structure. It has a 15-foot-long telescope with a 16-inch refractor for viewing the stars.

**Betty Stevens had Childhood Memories of Lass Family Prune Orchards and the “Big House on Market Street”**

Julia Elizabeth “Betty” Stevens, 95, died June 13 with a lifetime of childhood memories growing up in Santa Clara on her grandparents’ farm that is today the site of the historic Harris-Lass House Museum at 1889 Market Street.

She was born April 11, 1922, and passed away June 13, 2017 in Santa Cruz. Betty, the daughter of Carolina Lass and Thomas Bull, graduated from Santa Clara High School in 1940. She was married to “Steve” Stevens for almost 74 years. Survivors include her sister Dorothy Jean Flanders of Concord, son Ron Stevens of Santa Cruz, daughter Delayne Streeter of Modesto, 8 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 14 great-great-grandchildren.



*Photo by Gary Alver*

Her sweet disposition and love for her family home will be missed by everyone involved with the Harris-Lass Museum and the Historic